

How can you let them destroy our freedom??

I am shocked and appalled at how the FCC can possibly let this perversion of freedom go on, simply for the sake of greed.

To possibly let the phone and cable companies decide who can access websites and to divide the territory of the internet, based on their provider (Which they already pay more than enough to), which should have free access to all parts of it, is a horribly low and evil thing to do. And it's an outrageous and insane thing to even accept that you'd let them have their way to let them do this to us.

Never in my life, have I ever heard of such a miserable miscarriage of justice, or such a blatantly despicable act of greed on the part of these companies who should be satisfied that we pay their inflated and crazy prices for mere access in the first place.

To even entertain such a notion that you'd let them dictate this and block half the internet from us all is insane enough, but imagine my shock to find out that you, the FCC, have actually ruled in favor of actually allowing these rich companies to BLOCK OFF ACCESS to websites, both personal and functional to all people, in less than nine days from today.

Imagine if you will, me, not being able to access my friends website any longer. Imagine not being able to log into websites that someone has visited freely for years, and be RESTRICTED ACCESS to certain areas of the internet for absolutely no other reason than certain rich companies want to become richer by BLOCKING people from accessing a good section of the internet with absolutely no benefit that can be worth that price. Can you imagine that, or even process how important of an issue this is?

I am well aware of the pervasive ignorance and the ridiculous assumption of know-nothing politicians who misguidedly believe that the internet is simply a commodity to be bought and paid for like a television station or a radio station, but anyone who has ever owned a computer or has ever used the internet once, knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that this isn't so.

While the cable and phone companies trick you and use politicians and misguided information, i'd like to know how you feel you can let them get away with murder at the expense of destroying our freedom to visit particular websites simply because they are blocked from a provider that wants to dictate where I can go?

What possible logic could you have for allowing them to divide and conquer the internet when it should be freely accessible to all, the way it has been?

And I'm well aware that there has been overwhelming response and anger to this plot of greed that takes away our rights and freedoms. And I'm also aware that this has happened before and while you listened to the 1.5 BILLION Americans that spoke out about this before, but now you decide you just ARE NOT going to listen to us this time? I hope that you'll excuse me from breaking from professionalism to honestly and truthfully state that, that is a bunch of bull.

And you just IGNORE this response from those of us that are angry and fearful over this gross destruction of our rights simply in order to let phone and cable companies get richer than they already are at the expense of denying us freedom that we have enjoyed for so long and should continue to be able to?

So, because of the FCC and these companies and ignorant politicians, I may be denied access from my friends and acquaintances, and will be unable to access certain websites I've attended for years? How is that fair, or any benefit to anyone?

Every day there are people who commit crimes that cause harm to others, and we like to believe that there is a sense of justice and fairness that these kinds of crimes can be dealt with and prevented.

And then, what are everyday people like me supposed to think, when you let the companies get away with murder and get away with denying us our freedom to access the internet?

The thing that makes me sick is just how little understanding is used on the part of everyone involved in just how important this is.

The companies don't care, and judging by your latest response that in a little over a week you will possibly rule in favor of them, it's apparent that you don't care either (if that is true)

But we DO care. A lot more than anyone else does, apparently.

We care that our freedom is being tampered with.

We care that the internet will be broken up into "territories" that certain people cannot access any longer simply for the sake of greed, which will only serve to divide and restrict friends from each other and ban people from accessing net services they have used for years and have every right to use.

They may not care, you may not care, but we do. We use the internet the way we have for ages. Because it wasn't broken and there's no need to even do something this insane.

All we can do is to notify you, and hope that you, the FCC can do the right thing, and see through the

greed and manipulation of the phone and cable companies that want to restrict what we can access and divide it all up.

We can only wait, and hope and pray that you can do the right thing, and keep the internet free for all. Becuase our freedom is in your hands, and those those companies we ALREADY pay for their services.

They have NO RIGHT to ban access to half of the internet for each of us this way. And I hope you realize that becuase it is as simple as that.

Now, I realize that you have probably gotten a great deal many letters that have been stated and explained much better than this one. But this affects us ALL, and it will only affect the users in a negative way if these greed mongers have their way.

This probably isn't enough to convince you, becuase I'm sure that there are other letters that are better than mine, but it is still exceptionally important to us. That is what I'm trying to convey. How IMPORTANT it is that the internet remain FREE. We are the ones who care, and it seems as if we're also the ones that are about to get completely screwed by these greed mongering corporate monsters for no conceivable reason or benefit to us.

Freedom is important to us, and to deny the people this right to freedom and allowing the companies to block and ban what we can and cannot access online based on some "territorial" war that has nothing to do with us, is outright despicable.

The internet is ALREADY costing us a lot. All providers should provide the same service as it has been. Anything else is a destruction of rights and freedom. And that is really all there is to it.

So, what is there to even think about? Why let them get away with murder when it hurts EVERYONE? Seriously, why would you?

We already went through this once. 1.5 BILLION of us, already stopped this perversion of justice from occouring by writing letters. So why are you re-considering letting them have their greedy way again?

Why should we even have to be writing these letters or even have to put up with this issue again, and why does it seem you are bowing to them to let them have their way? Because they have money and influence and we don't? And to that end you want to give them MORE without apparently caring what we have to say, about sticking up for our own freedom?

What am I going to tell my friends that now live in other states from me, once I can't access their sites

anymore? What am I supposed to do about the friends I've made elsewhere, who I will no longer be able to keep in contact with anymore via their personal websites and blogs?

What am I and what are WE, as internet users supposed to do about that if you let them get away with murder.

Because they may not care, but we do. And I can only hope that at least the FCC cares about what we care about, and not a bunch of people already getting rich that want to get richer by making the rest of us miserable? And lastly.... what kind of an America is this if you let them do that to us?

- Mike Alkire